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SUBJECT: TFLE01: CYPRUS SITREP 15 AS OF 0900 LOCAL,  
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Classified By: Ambassador Ronald L. Schlicher, reasons 1.4 B/D

[11.](#) (C) Summary: Total headcount of U.S. citizens received in Cyprus as of 0800L July 25 was 10,881. 7,690 had departed by 0800L on July 25, and civilian charter flights continue. At 0800L, there were 280 people at the Fairgrounds and 230 at hotels. Hotels should be completely vacated by 1200L. End summary.

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[12.](#) (C) Foreign Minister Lillikas told Ambassador that the Government of Cyprus has issued a statement that it will not be held accountable for decisions made by the EU on behalf of Cyprus at the Lebanon Core Group in Rome; this is related to ROC maneuvering to be included in the Rome meeting, and time will tell if Lillikas's anger will have practical consequences for the departure effort. Cypriot Immigration Services are becoming stricter about proper visa documentation for arriving Lebanese nationals.

CONSULAR

[13.](#) (C) The following are consular updates:

--Accounting of U.S. citizens who have arrived in Cyprus as of 0800(L) July 25:

11 via helicopter July 16  
62 via helicopter and ship July 17  
37 via French-chartered ship July 18  
104 via helicopter July 18  
138 via Hoegh Norwegian ship July 19  
4 via Greek military ship July 19  
160 via helicopter (Beirut Air Bridge - BAB) July 19  
3 via HMS York July 19

3 via Crete II July 19  
1054 via MV Orient Queen July 20  
3 via HMS Gloucester July 20  
27 via UN Serenade & IREA Petra July 20  
187 via helicopter (BAB) July 20  
100 via UN ship Serenade July 21  
1054 via USS Nashville July 21  
790 via Orient Queen July 21  
241 via helicopter (BAB) July 21  
1803 via USS Trenton July 22  
27 via Greek Ikaria July 22  
21 via MV Akioni July 22  
1050 via USS Nashville July 22  
815 via Ramah July 22  
39 via helicopter 2108 July 22  
1005 via USS Whidbey July 23  
983 via Orient Queen July 23  
38 via helicopter July 23  
529 via USS Nashville July 24  
26 via helicopter July 24  
574 via Orient Queen July 25

TOTAL: 10,881

--The Rahmah is now expected to arrive at 1300L July 25 with 154 U.S. citizens, and the Vittoria M at 1830L with approximately 331. Post expects to move all of these passengers directly to the Paphos airport.

--A total of 7,690 U.S. citizens had departed Cyprus on U.S. charter and military flights as of 0800L July 24. Four more commercial charter flights are scheduled to depart on July 125.

--We estimate there were approximately 280 evacuees (undocumented humanitarian cases and their relatives) at the Fairgrounds by 0800L. Approximately 230 remain in hotels, but all are expected to leave July 25.

--DHS TDY staff are arriving today to assist CONS in speeding the screening of undocumented humanitarian cases.

--MGT has thoroughly cleaned part of the Fairgrounds facility and plans to do a walk-through with the Cypriot government at 1830L. Post is taking care to ensure Fairgrounds are ready to hand over when necessary, while maintaining adequate resources on hand in cases of a new influx of American arrivals.

--The local Cypriot company "Kanosis Ltd." has offered a free "registration service" through Google to families at the Fairgrounds. Fifty families have registered themselves--complete with photos--on the internet, in an effort to aid overseas relatives to locate them instantly through a Google search.

#### MANAGEMENT

14. (U) Post is focusing on TDY staff schedules for mop-up operations and attempting to allow various sections to return to normal operations. We are also reassessing staffing and 24-hour coverage needs. Public Affairs is closing its Larnaca press center at night, and will forward all nighttime calls to the Nicosia Control Room.

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